

**WAUKESHA COUNTY
AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Susie Austin, James Pearson, Lee Wipfli, Debra Warnschneider, Lou Hernandez, Rose Barton, Pat Miller, Rachel Fjellman

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 20, 2011 were approved. The motion to accept was made by Lou Hernandez, seconded by Rose Barton.

PRESENTATION

Debbie Warnschneider of Hebron House noted that shelter funding has been cut by 50%. There is the possibility to rent the same facility as the prior winter. For the prior winter, it costs up to \$60,000 for the up keep last year. There is consideration for utilizing volunteers. There would still be a staff person but volunteers will assist. A discussion on AODA concerns. Debbie suggests utilizing a softer approach versus a formal twelve step. There is hope to reopen Sienna House in January 2012. Any assistance is appreciated including a wish list, which includes office supplies.

Rachel Fjellman of Salvation Army presented. The federal guidelines have become stricter limiting stays at the men's shelter. Over the summer, there has not been much overflow as many are camping. Debbie Warnschneider has been receiving phone calls already asking about the drop in shelter. In the past, there was a death that prompted support of previous drop in shelters. There is concern that people are forgetting that individuals and families are struggling. HUD and Veterans Services have provided assistance. The maximum capacity for Salvation Army is 41. The Hope Center is still supportive and offering breakfast and lunch and day services. We are seeing individuals without homes who have never been homeless before. Hebron House is hoping for support for a drop in shelter.

Fundraising will be starting November 1, 2011. There is a fundraiser with the Boy Scout Troops to pitch tents in businesses as a reminder.

Mike DeMares, Human Services Manager of Clinical Services gave an update on the upcoming years AODA budget. The 2012 budget passing is approved by the County Executive at this point and passed through many committees. The budget is similar to 2011. There is some additional money for residential services. We have just started the ACRA Adolescent Program. They are currently in training and are about three weeks into the program. The Criminal Justice

Collaborating Council received the grant to start Drug Court for individuals who received non-violent crimes that are drug related. The County will be involved with the development.

AGENCY UPDATES

Rose Barton with WCS reported the drunk driving population is down.

Lee Wipfli with La Casa de Esperanza reported the Hispanic population has been reduced. There are concerns about ICE affecting that population. Also working with Teen Intervene and schools. La Casa also provides drug testing for 180 Juvenile Diversion.

The Addiction Resource Council will be going to Arrowhead High School to “Get the Meds Out”.

Lou Hernandez reported the AODA Volunteers are looking for new volunteers to assist with drop in shelters.

CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Rose Barton, seconded by Lee Wipfli at 11:30 a.m.

Approved on _____
Date